GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether a large number of Indian students graduating from foreign medical institutions appear for mandatory screening examination by National Board of Examinations (NBE)/ Medical Council of India (MCI) for practicing in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether over the past many years the pass percentage of students appearing for this examination is very low;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the remedial measures taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the situation to make use of the services of such students who graduated from foreign countries in view of the shortage of doctors/health workers in the country?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) to (d): The number of candidates appeared and passed in the last three years is as follows:

Year	Appeared	Passed
2014	12494	1636
2015	12125	1374
2016	12283	1160

Several representations were received in the Ministry with regard to high difficulty level of the Screening Test. In view of representations received, the Central Government had constituted an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. P.K. Julka to look into the issue. The Committee in its report held that the level of Screening Test is of appropriate difficulty. Government has since accepted the report.
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